



Celebrating the Liturgy

Mass Times during Lent

Saturday: 6 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon

Weekday Masses
Mon to Fri: 7:00 pm; Sat: 12 noon
(9.30 am CANCELLED)

Morning Prayers (Divine Office)
Mon to Fri: 7.30 am

Saturday Confessions

12.30 pm – 1.00 pm
5.30 pm – 5.55 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30 pm until 8.00 pm
Friday 10.00 am until 12 noon

Marriages

6 months' notice required.
Please contact Fr O'Donnell

Parish Baptisms held 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 2 pm
One month's notice required. Please contact the Parish Office.

BULLETIN NOTICES

Notices for the bulletin must be with the Parish Office by **12 noon on Wednesday** to be included in the weekend bulletin. Thank you.
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON ST PATRICKS DAY (TUES 17TH MARCH)

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2020-2021

The offertory envelopes are now prepared for distribution. If you are a new resident in St Brigid's, or have not been receiving a box and wish to, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Please note: if you have moved address within the last year please make sure you have advised the office to update your details even if you are not receiving offertory envelopes. Thank you.



CLASSICAL CONCERT AT QUB CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's will host an evening of classical music to celebrate the arrival of its new Wells-Kennedy Pipe Organ on **Friday 20th March at 7.30pm**. Performers include organist Niall Leonard, Queen's Chamber Choir conducted by Donal McCrisken and soloists from St Malachy's College. The programme features music by Palestrina, Mozart, Gjeilo and others.

Admission is free with a retiring collection in aid of the Organ Fund. Everyone welcome.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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Third Sunday of Lent
15th March 2020, Year A, Psalter Week 3

First Reading: Reading from the book of Exodus Ex 17:3-7
Give us water to drink.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2.6-9
R/. O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

Second Reading: Letter from St Paul to the Romans Rm 5:1-2.5-8
The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel: Gospel according to John: Jn 4:5-42
A spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Please pray for Aidan Langan recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time: Phil McCullough, Anne O'Connell, Doherty Dolan, Pat O'Neill, Frank McManus, Frank Jordan, Brian Gregory, Harry Coll, Frances Connor, Brendan and Patricia McBrien, Elizabeth Jamison, Anna McMurray, John Mageean, John Thompson (Snr), Anne O'Neill

May they rest in peace

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection 8th March 2020: **£5391.59**

Thank you for your continued support



CONGRATULATIONS – 60th Anniversary

On Thursday past, 12th March, Canon Brian McCluskey celebrated the 60th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We congratulate Canon McCluskey, thank him for his ministry among us, and wish him a speedy recovery from his recent accident.

We remember also the late Monsignor Ambrose Macauley, our former Parish Priest. Monsignor Ambrose was ordained priest along with Canon McCluskey and he was so looking forward to celebrating his 60th Anniversary – but the Lord had other plans. We pray that the Lord rewards him for his ministry in St Brigid's and that he rests in peace.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Divine Office (Morning Prayers)

7.30 am in the Church led by Deacon Brett Lockhart

Mass Times (Monday to Friday)

Morning Mass (9.30am) is now cancelled until further notice

7.00 pm (in the Church)

INTER-CHURCH OUTREACH, LENT 2020

7.00pm each Sunday of Lent

Theme: "Climate change and the purposes of God"

Sunday 15th March: *St Brigid's: Preacher Rev David Gray* CANCELLED

Sunday 22nd March: St John's Col Malone: Preacher Rev Eddie O'Donnell (Catholic)

Sunday 29th March: Derryvolgie Hall: Preacher Rev Ivan Steen (Presbyterian)

Sunday 5th April: McCracken Presbyterian: Preacher Rev Fouad Nakhla SJ (Catholic)

A Parish Programme: "No Greater Love"

This Parish Programme explores the Gospel account of the Passion of Jesus in No40 Derryvolgie Ave on Tuesday's of Lent at 7.30pm

There will be no programme on Tuesday 17th March (St Patrick's Day)



SOUTH DOWN CHORAL SOCIETY

'The Gift of Music'



Join us for a wonderful evening of light reflective choral favorites as St Brigid's Parish welcomes the **Irish Premiere of Mark Hayes REQUIEM**. Directed by Ciara Bowman and joined by St Bride's Primary School Choir and St Malachy's College Orchestra this concert will be held in **St Brigid's Church on Sunday 26th April at 7.30 pm** in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Tickets available from St Brides PS, email: cb55bowmusic@gmail.com or pay on the evening

CONFIRMATION IN ST BRIGID'S PARISH

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who were confirmed by Bishop Treanor on Thursday 12th March. Their attentiveness, singing and responding was inspirational.

A special word of thanks to parents, teachers and all those who helped in the preparations.



Masses for St Patrick's Day 17th March

Vigil: Monday 16th March 7.00 pm

Feast Day: 9.30 am and 1.00 pm

Please note there will be no evening mass on Tuesday



CHILDRENS LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Mass today (Sunday 15th March)

THE PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

All activities are now suspended until after Easter

Short Book Club

Cry the beloved Country will move to the third Wednesday of May. Mike will contact directly all Book Club Members about the Club's selection for June and indeed for the Winter Term.

Conversation Corner

with John Murphy This has been postponed to 27th May.

Tin Whistle Classes

We hope that Sinead will be able to work through that group's WhatsApp to circulate more tunes and exercises.

Irish Language Class

Similarly, we hope that our tuition might continue through the WhatsApp group.

Summer Term

The Parish Centre will close for Easter Week and reopens on 20th April when our Summer term will start. We hope to introduce some more activities including Chair Yoga, a Scrabble Club and a Gardening Club. The Art Class has been fully booked. In addition to the above we hope to continue with our Young at Heart gentle exercise, Community Choir, Poetry, Books and Conversation Corner and our classes on Tin Whistle and Irish Conversation. We hope to launch the Summer Programme within the next few weeks. Look out for the yellow leaflets.

To join our email list please contact stbrigidstra@google.com